(b) the projects sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh during the current year to meet the shortage of power?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Andhra Pradesh & Tamil Nadu have been allocated 24% (211 MW) and 36% (316 MW) out of unallocated quota of NTPC stations in Eastern Region, owing to a surplus situation in the Eastern Region. Agreement has been reached between APSEB/TNEB and NTPC.

POWERGRID transmission system is being used for transmission of Eastern Region power to Southern Region.

(b) One thermal project *viz.* Krishnapatnam 'B' Thermal Power Project (2×260 MW) has been sanctioned by CEA this year for execution in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The Project is to be executed by the Private Sector.

Koel-Karo Hydel Power Project

1810. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to proceed with the Koel-Karo Hydel Project in the near future;

(b) if so, the details of the plan of action;

(c) the details of land acquisition plans, rates of compensation of lands and measures taken for rehabilitating the displaced persons; and

(d) the number of people to be displaced by the project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Koel Karo Project (710 MW) is being processed for an investment decision based on revised cost estimate. The Project will require an investment of Rs. 2433.30 crores based on July, 1998 price level. A pre-PIB meeting was held on 16.11.1998. Project construction would be taken up after investment approval by the Government.

(c) The total estimated requirement of land for the project is 22680 hectares (Ha.) including private land, forest land and Government land. Out of the required land National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) has so far acquired 150 Ha. private land. Necessary action for acquisition of further 645 Ha. of private land is under process. Balance quantity of land will be acquired in a phased manner during the execution of the project as per requirement from time to time. The rate of compensation of the land is ranging from approx. Rs. 98,840/- per Ha. (Minimum) to approx. Rs. 1,50730/- per Ha. (Maximum).

MEASURES FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE DISPLACED PERSONS: The detailed rehabilitation plan to rehabilitate the land oustees has been formulated in pursuance of the directives of the Supreme Court of India.

(d) The number of people to be displaced/affected by the project is estimated at 25,000.

Power needs of N.E. Region

1811. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special efforts have been taken/contemplated to be taken by Government to meet the growing power needs of North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) To meet the growing power needs of NE region, the following projects have been envisaged for capacity addition during the Ninth Five Year Plan:

Name of the project	State	Capacity (MW)
STATE SECTOR/PRIVATE SECTOR PROJECTS:		
1. Lakwa WH U-1	Assam	22.5
2. Lakwa WH U-2	Assam	25.0
3. Dhansiri HEP	Assam	20.0
4. Karbi-L. BORP.	Assam	100.0
5. Nuranang	Ar. Pradesh	6.0
6. Umram UMT HE-V	Meghalaya	18.0
7. Likimro	Nagaland	24.0
8. Serlui—'B'	Mizoram	9.0
9. Rokhia PH-ITU-2	Tripura	8.0
CENTRAL SECTOR PROJECTS		
1. Ranganadi	Ar. Pradesh	405.0
2. Kathalguri B	Assam	90.0
3. Doyang	Nagaland	75.0
4. Agartala G.P.P.	Tripura	84.0
5. Kopili Ext.	Assam	25.0

With this capacity addition, the region is expected to have peak surplus of 0.3% and energy surplus of 17.5% by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan.

Demand and supply of electricity in Andhra Pradesh

1812. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of domestic requirement of electricity in the country in general and with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a wide gap between demand and supply of electricity;

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government to meet the demand;

(d) whether any assessment has been made by Government with regard to the increased demand of electricity in the country, including Andhra Pradesh, during the next 10 years; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The electricity demand is assessed as a total demand for the whole state. However, the domestic consumption of electricity in the country and in Andhra Pradesh was 56288 MU and 3922 MU respectively for the year 1996-97.

(b) The power supply position in Andhra Pradesh and in the country during April to November, 1998 is given below:

(Figures in MU net)

	Andhra Pradesh	All India
Requirement	26369	288809
Availability	24001	273692
Shortage	2368	15117
%	9.0	5.2